## <u>Claims</u>

What is claimed is:

1	1. A method of managing cluster configurations of a
2	computing environment, said method comprising:
3	executing a distributed configuration component on
4	a plurality of nodes of a cluster of said computing
5	environment; and
6	providing configuration consistency of said
7	cluster using the distributed configuration component.
1	2. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing
2	comprises comparing data in a local storage with data in a
3	global storage to determine whether a node can join said
4	cluster.

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1	3. A system of managing cluster configurations of a
2	computing environment, said system comprising:
3	means for executing a distributed configuration
4	component on a purality of nodes of a cluster of said
5	computing environment; and
6	means for providing configuration consistency of
7	said cluster using the distributed configuration
8	component.
1	4. The system of claim 3, wherein said means for

providing comprises means for comparing data in a local

node can join said cluster.

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1	5. At least one program storage device readable by a
2	machine, tangiby embodying at least one program of
3	instructions executable by the machine to perform a method
4	of managing cluster configurations of a computing
5	environment, said method comprising:

executing a distributed configuration component on a plurality of nodes of a cluster of said computing environment; and

providing configuration consistency of said cluster using the distributed configuration component.

6. The at least one program storage device of the method of claim 5, wherein said providing comprises comparing data in a local storage with data in a global storage to determine whether a node can join said cluster.

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